

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A system for positioning an implant, said system comprising:

a holding element for holding an implant, said holding element including:

a first end having a grip;

a second end having a connecting element for establishing a connection to the implant; and

a guiding sleeve for guiding the holding element, said guiding sleeve having an entry opening and an exit opening, and defining a guiding area between the openings for guiding the holding element, wherein the holding element ~~can be~~ is removably introduceable into the guiding sleeve, and

wherein the holding element is configured to be translated and rotated within the guiding sleeve.

2. (original) The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the guiding sleeve is made of a rigid material.

3. (original) The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the guiding sleeve includes at least one curved section.

4. (currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a navigation element fixed to the guiding sleeve, the navigation element having markers that are trackable by a navigation system.

5. (currently amended) The system as set forth in claim [[4]] 1, further comprising a sliding element connected to [[the]] a navigation element, said sliding element slidably engaging the guiding sleeve.

6. (currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein one end of the guiding sleeve includes an end area which ~~runs~~ tapers conically outward or inward.

7. (currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 6, wherein the guiding sleeve includes a rotational block at the conically running tapered end area.

8. (original) The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the connecting element of the holding element comprises an outer thread.

9. (original) The system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the holding element includes a flexible area which can be guided in the guiding sleeve.

10. (original) The system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the holding element includes a grip and an outer thread onto which a nut is screwed.

11. (original) The system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the implant includes a connecting element for establishing a connection to the connecting element of the holding element.

12. (original) The system as set forth in claim 11, wherein the connecting element of the implant is an inner thread.

13. (currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 11, wherein the implant includes a conically running tapered section adjacent the connecting element.

14. (currently amended) In a system for positioning an implant, said system having a holding element for holding an implant, a guiding sleeve comprising:

~~a guiding area for guiding the holding element~~

a first rim defining an entry opening and a second rim defining an exit opening,
and having a guiding area between said openings for guiding the holding element,
wherein the holding element is removably introduceable into the guiding sleeve, and
wherein the guiding sleeve is configured to support a holding element that is
translatable and rotatable within the guiding sleeve.

15. (currently amended) The guiding sleeve as set forth in claim 14, further comprising:

a navigation element fixed coupled to an outer portion of the guiding sleeve, the navigation element having markers that are trackable by a navigation system.

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